

**Jason Benitez**, Vice President of Talent, Diversity and Inclusion with the Capital Region Chamber, is responsible for assisting businesses and organizations in the Capital Region, in finding, attracting and retaining diverse talent from a multitude of backgrounds. Benitez also works to advance the strategic mission of the Chamber, relevant to the areas of both Talent Development, as well as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

The Capital Region Chamber and its Center for Economic Growth affiliate drive economic prosperity with one voice, one mission, as one region. The Chamber, with 2,900 member-business from throughout Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Rensselaer counties, provides leadership, advocacy, and broad-based member services. The Center for Economic Growth is the 8-county regional economic development organization Jason previously worked for 15+ years in Higher Education, at 3 local institutions, UAlbany,

SUNY Schenectady and most recently, Union College, where he spent 8 years as Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion. Benitez holds a Bachelors, Masters, and Certificate of Advanced Study, all from UAlbany. He lives in Slingerlands with his wife and 2 children.